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Public Health Committee
House Bill 5326
Physician-Assisted Suicide

My name is Robert E. Muckle Sr. from Waterbury. I ask that you vote against HB 5326 on Physician Assisted Suicide.

It seems to be fitting that we are having this legislation in 2014. First it was the introduction of contraception in 1965 with Griswold vs Connecticut when the term "Right to Privacy" was introduced into our Constitution. That was followed by Roe vs Wade in 1973 legalizing abortion on demand through nine months of pregnancy. And now the finishing touch with Assisted Suicide.

Attached is my first Letter to the Editor to the Waterbury American on May 2, 1972 titled "Abortion Held First Step To Euthanasia" where I predicted that someone would be giving me a needle to kill me when I get old and in poor health if abortion becomes legal.

This march to a "Culture of Death" society that we are living in today began in 1930 when at the Lambeth Conference of the Anglican Church in England for the first time in 1900 years of Christianity voted in favor of contraception in certain Hard Cases. One of their bishops, Charles Gore, who voted no, stated that if you accept contraception you will eventually accept homosexuality, which we have already done.

In 1931 the American Federation of Churches voted the same way. The March 22 edition of the Washington Post editorialized that; "Carried to its logical conclusion, the committee's report, if carried into effect, would sound the death knell of marriage as a holy institution by establishing degrading practices which would lead to indiscriminate immorality." Right where we are today. (This can be goggled)

The missing link in this whole scenario is the absence of our clergy, especially their being silent on contraception. Most have caved in and some have even accepted it. Because I have been involved in Life Issues for many years and attended many conferences, I have come to the conclusion that many graces are lost through contraception, abortion and will be assisted suicide if this legislation is accepted.

I would like to end with a quote from our first president George Washington in his 1796 Farewell Address: "Of all the dispositions and habits which lead to political prosperity, religion and morality are indispensable supports." That is from the Father of our nation.

Abortion Held First Step To Euthanasia May 2 1972

To the Editor of The American:

I disagree with the letter of Paul Kmecek of April 28 answering your editorial on abortion. I would say that he, like many others, have very little, if any, respect for human life. The greatest gift God has given to man is that of giving life. It seems to me that man is misusing this gift just as he is the environment and our natural resources. This gift is misused by artificial birth control as well as abortion.

If abortion becomes acceptable the next and final step down the ladder will be that of euthanasia, murder of the old and unwanted. In Florida the proposal of this type of legislation is already in progress. If things don't change I figure that by the time I am old someone will say that I am of no use to anyone and quietly give me a needle to put me away just like some kind of dog. They are even going to cheat me out of the kind of death the good Lord intends me to have.

It is a known fact that life begins at conception. The newly conceived goes from nothing to everything all at once, a human being with potential. We all are human beings with the potential from that moment until the day we die.

It is a known fact that the sympto-thermic method of natural family planning is as effective as most contraceptives, the pill being one that is more reliable. The pill has been known to leave bad side effects and in some cases even kill.

My wife and I have been involved in natural family planning for the past six years. We are convinced of the effectiveness of the sympto-thermic method. Through motivation, cooperation, and moderation we have grown in love and respect for each other. I would like to make special note of the word GROWTH.

We feel that artificial birth control shunts the growth of a couple, abortion abruptly stops the growth of the newly conceived, and euthanasia puts an end to the growth of the old and unwanted. A very high percentage of those getting abortions are the women who have had artificial birth control failures. Acceptance of artificial birth control led to legalized abortion and abortion will lead to euthanasia.

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